

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one pace." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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BE CAREFUL WHEN PITCHING YOUR TENT

"And he pitched his tent toward Sodom"

Gen. 13:12b.

Not long ago I listened to a dear brother expound and preach from this text. I became much interested and followed him closely. His discourse took up a train of very deep thought, and as he continued to speak I imagined I could see a picture of those two great men of wealth as they stood there at the foot of the mountain, looking over the beautiful plain of Jordan in council as to what course to pursue, that they might have peace, for the enemy had gotten into the camp and created disturbance among their herds. No doubt they had dwelt in peace together for a long time, for their flocks had increased until they were very great. Abraham's flocks were much the greater, as we learn that he always walked very close to the Lord and was faithful with all his house and paid tithes of all that he possessed. And surely his tithes must have been much for his possessions were very great, and yet he never murmured, but just cheerfully turned over one tenth of all to Melchisedec, possibly feeling that all was the Lord's any way. "As it is written, the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." God had only intrusted all these great flocks in his care to prove and prepare him for the high position into which he was about to place him when his name should be changed, and he was no more to be called Abram, but Abraham, the father of the faithful.

But let us again notice Lot. As Abram sees this disturbance must be settled, and we see him as he calls his young nephew into council. Come now I pray thee, let there be no strife between thee and me, nor between thy herdsman and my herdsman, for we are brethren. Ah no, this great man of God could not allow such a thing as strife to be in his camp lest the God he loved should be displeased and he just could not afford to have such a thing as that. After he had been so faithful and had God's approval upon all that he had done for so many years, now I hear him as he goes into the council with Lot, saying, Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself from me I pray. If thou wilt go to the right hand then I will go to the left, or if thou wilt turn to the left hand then I will go to the right.

I see Lot as he seems to stand somewhat spell-bound, listening to the council of his old uncle whom he, no doubt, well knew had the whole land under his control, and no doubt was not a little surprised to hear Abraham give him such a liberal offer as this, but Abraham was a real sanctified man of God, there was no selfishness in his heart at all; he would rather see his nephew have the good things than to have them himself, and he knew that He to whom he had been paying tithes for years had them all laid up in His great storehouse in waiting for him to draw upon at any time that he might have needed, and he possibly knew that Lot had never

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OUR AIM IS EXCELSIOR

GRANTSTOWN, Bahamas—Our revival started at Nassau, N. P. Bahamas July 1st and continued for twenty-one days. It was a great success. The saints were built up, some were saved and one reclaimed. Thirteen came forward and gave the right hand of fellowship. We had good preaching. We had some of the saints from Florida with us and they surely gave us some soul food. Sisters Easley, Bronson and Johnson helped very much. The revival spirit is still on and we covet the prayers of the saints because our aim is EXCELSIOR.—A. Ingraham, Box 335.

JOHN'S VISION OF THE CHURCH

J. B. Ellis

And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks and in the midst of the seven candlesticks, one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the feet, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle, his head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow. Rev. 1:12-16.

John was one of the disciples of our Lord. He had a loving disposition and in his epistles he has much to say about love. He was styled that disciple whom Jesus loved. He was intimately associated with Peter, both before and after the crucifixion of Jesus. He was banished to the Isle of Patmos by Domitian where he received the vision referred to in the text. He was in the Spirit on the Lord's day. (Vs. 10). He heard a voice, his attention was arrested, and being turned he said, "I saw seven golden candlesticks." In this passage we have a striking representation of the Church of Christ.

Notice:—

The figure to which the church is likened—"a candlestick." Evidently it allures to the candlestick in the temple. Ex. 25:31.

(1.) A candlestick is an instrument for holding a light. The church is the depository of sacred light. It is called the pillar and ground of the truth. All truth was given for its establishment and maintenance. It is the place where the Holy Spirit resides, and manifests His presence. It is where He has set His gifts. A real Church of God in order will manifest every gift and all the graces of the Spirit as well as the fruits of the Spirit. A candlestick is a retainer to hold a light. The light is the indwelling spirit manifesting himself thru the operation of the gifts in the church. As a candlestick the church is not only the holder of the light, but it is an instrument.

(2.) For the diffusion of the light. It receives light to shed it abroad. God says to Zion, Arise, shine for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Isa. 60:1. Jesus says, Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Matt. 5:14. We are not to put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick (in the church). Many people get saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and become a member of the spiritual body of Christ which is the spiritual side of the Church, and then refused to come into the literal side by accepting government and order, then putting their light under a bushel where but few can see it, instead thereof we should put it on a candlestick, the literal and Scriptural organism, where it will shine. The church shines the light of gospel doctrines, Christian principles by which we are enabled to live a life of practical holiness. Do not put your light under a bushel, but on a candlestick.

Notice:—

3.—The Quality of the Church. "Golden candlesticks."

(A.) Golden, to represent the purity of the church. It is not to be a worldly institution; it is not to be a polluted society where all sorts of worldly conformity exists, but they are to be a separate people, a peculiar people zealous of good works. Blood-washed, sanctified, spirit-filled people, showing forth the praises of God. A place where the truth is loved and honored by zealous obedience, a place where the Holy Spirit has right of way.

(B.) Golden, to represent the rarity of the church. Gold is scarcest of all metals. The church is like a small bush in the midst of the wilderness, a little city in the world's great and extensive desert. Christ calls it a "Little Flock," but He says Fear not, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. We are small now in the midst of the great institutions of the world, but never mind, we will inherit the earth some day.

(C.) The church is like a golden candlestick on account of its preciousness and value. Gold, as it is the rarest, so it is the most valuable of metals. The church is His palace, His treasure, she is as dear as the apple

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MY TRIP WEST

The Whole Affair Was Grand and Beyond Expression

F. J. Lee

I have just returned to Cleveland from about a three weeks' visit in the West—Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

I will speak of each state as given in order above. I was met in Forrest City, Ark. by Brother Danehower, State Overseer of Arkansas. Brother C. G. Edwards was with him. They took me to the home of Brother and Sister Malone, there I stayed during the convention.

The church had just completed a new building which we dedicated on the following Sunday. The meeting was well attended. Not near all the people could get into the house. Several received the Holy Ghost during the convention.

A very exciting time took place on Sunday at the noon hour, a real fine dinner was spread, consisting of fried chicken, mutton, cakes, pies and scores of other good things. Thanks were offered then all eyes were turned toward the table. The writer proceeded to take a nice slice of tender mutton, and about that time the Heavens let loose a torrent of rain before we could realize that our precious bounty was at stake. Some real hustling took place. I don't know how they managed the entire amount of dinner spread, but some of it was carried into the building. I saw much evidence of this left on the floor. During this rush I was marked with a big splotch of grease on the front of my coat which showed up clearly after the dust had settled on it while in transit by train to Texas.

After all, the Arkansas convention was a glorious success. Brother Danehower seemed greatly encouraged and said that he felt that the affair would be of untold value to the Church of God in the state of Arkansas.

The Camp Meeting in Texas

I had written to Brother Williams that I would arrive in Weatherford Monday night about twelve o'clock and of course he did not expect me until that time, but I decided later, that I did not want to land there after night, therefore I left Forrest City, Ark. after service Sunday night, arriving in Weatherford at 3:00 p. m. Monday.

I decided that the first thing I should do would be to go to a pressing club and have my coat cleaned and pressed. I told the young man that I had just arrived from Arkansas. He asked, is this F. J. Lee? I told him that he was correct, he said, "I am a member of the Church of God, I will fix up your coat and take you over to the camp-ground in my car." That was good news to me for I knew not which way to go, also I was tired and

had a heavy hand-bag. I slipped in at the back door of the tabernacle but Brothers Williams and Waldron soon spied me.

I was taken to the home of Brother Waldron, the pastor, where I fared sumptuously every day while there.

The camp-meeting was a sweeping success, it was estimated that about one thousand from a distance were in attendance, also from three to four thousand attended the night services.

Some seemed to think that about seventy-five received the Holy Ghost, but no estimate could be made of the number saved.

They had sun-rise prayer meetings as in other camp-meetings. One special feature of the morning services was, they divided the entire congregation into classes having their respective teachers. Important subjects would be studied each morning, such as "The day in which we live, The Bride, The Church, etc."

I used the chart at each eleven o'clock sermon in the forenoon on the subject of prophecy, this seemed to be greatly enjoyed by all. I also preached some at night.

All the ministers seemed to be at their best in giving out the Word. Brother Williams seemed much at home in conducting the whole affair. The people seem to love him and from all appearance he is making a good state overseer.

Lawton, Oklahoma

Brother B. L. Hicks, his wife and Brother George Douglas were in attendance at the Texas Camp meeting. He suggested that I go to Lawton with them in their car, I accepted the invitation. On the way I stopped to see a cousin whom I had not seen in twenty-three years. We found him near Decatur, Texas. After eating a good dinner and talking with them for about two hours, we journeyed toward Lawton, arriving about eight-thirty at night. I preached Tuesday night and Wednesday night to large congregations. While there I made headquarters with Brother Hicks but took dinner with Brother D. W. Harworth and family on Tuesday and with Sister Bertie Harrison and daughters on Wednesday, Sister Harworth and Sister Vivian being present.

The whole affair was a glorious one, and long to be remembered.

Brother Hicks is on his job as state overseer. They are making a strong appeal for his return. He seems to have his heart in the work.

With this I will close and begin dictating answers to the dozens of letters waiting reply since my leaving.

PERFECT CONFIDENCE PREVAILS

The Publishing Business In All Departments Successful

F. J. Lee

Since we are nearing the 23d annual Assembly, I feel that it would be well for me to make a public expression as to how affairs are progressing at Headquarters. I heard many inquiries while in the West concerning this Assembly, the interest is the same in every part of the country.

They usually come with such questions as this, "How is Brother Latimer getting along with the Publishing House?" "How is the Orphanage getting along?" "How are you getting along with the debt, etc?"

I know that it is true that some folks prophesied that the business would fail, that the present management was incapable of handling it. I am glad to tell you that some folks saying so did not make it so.

It is true that Brother Latimer was inexperienced in the publishing business, but that doesn't count anything with a man that has God with

him. Paul said that he could do all things through Christ. I am sure that he could have run a publishing business.

I want to tell you that it is marvelous how he is keeping up every end of the business. He is making thousands of books, he is keeping the Evangel going, new subscriptions are continually coming in, the Sunday School orders are increasing. In fact every department of the work is on the upward move. Brother Latimer would have a little delicacy in telling you this lest you might think he is boasting, but I can truthfully and conscientiously tell you that these are facts, as you will find when you arrive at the Assembly and investigate.

In my rounds over the field I find that perfect confidence seems to prevail, this of course is what brings perfect success. We expect to say more about this in our review at the Assembly.

CUMBERED WITH MUCH SERVING

This afternoon as I was meditating on the spiritual condition of the world, this thought came to me: How many mothers there are in the world to-day and how few Mary's we have! We see the people all around us cumbered with much serving. They haven't time to go to church or Sunday School, they haven't time to talk about anything that pertains to a heartfelt religion or Christianity. Their minds and time is entirely given over to the enemy of their souls, trying to make money and have a big time in this world. Always cumbered with much serving, but always serving the wrong one. But there will come a time when they will see their mistake, and with many it will be too late. When sickness, great misfortune and trouble overtakes them, then they will call on the Lord, but He will not hear. See Isa. 65:12, also let us look at the next verses and see what He says. Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed. Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit. What a glorious time that will be for the children of God, plenty to eat, plenty to drink and plenty to rejoice in, no condemnation, no sorrow, no pain, no disappointments, no sickness and no death, but all will be happiness, joy, rest and peace. Nothing to do but praise our God, do His will and rejoice evermore.

But listen, sinner friend, what a sad fate, depart from me ye cursed to everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Matt. 25: 41. Oh! what a terrible time of grief and sorrow and disappointment that will be to those who have spurned the mercies of God and refused to accept and serve the Savior who died on the cross for them. Again I say, what an awful time, what a sad fate! but a just one. The wages of sin is death, Rom. 6:23. You served the devil, you worked faithfully for him, why not receive your pay? But the gift of God is eternal life thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6:23. So dear reader, if you want eternal life, you must come thru Jesus Christ and by the way of the cross. Praise the Lord, I feel the joy bells ringing in my soul to-day as I look back over my past life and see what God has done for me. He saved me from sin (not sins), and sanctified me with His precious blood, baptized me with Heaven's sweet Holy Ghost and added me to the Church of God which is His body. He gave me the light on this paying, made me willing to quit robbing God and gave me faith to trust Him for both soul and body. Who wouldn't be happy when God has done so much for them? Saints, I feel like traveling on in this good old way. We have no time to stop and play with the devil who is the bitter enemy of our souls. We must press on into a closer walk with God and a deeper experience and by so doing we will hasten the time when the Church of God will shine forth in all Her glory, and the nine gifts of the Spirit will be manifested in the Church and thru the saints, in their fullness.

Praise the Lord, I can feel the fire burning in my soul today and I can hear the voice of God calling me into a deeper and closer walk with Him. Dear saints, we must either obey the call and strive with all our might to get closer to Him and be more like Him, or refuse, backslide and fall out of the race and go to a devil's hell. Can you hear the CALL? If so, what will your answer be? I desire your prayers.—Yours for a deeper experience in the Lord, Newton Harrell, Palm Harbor, Fla.

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AN AFRICAN NATIVE USED IN GOD'S WORK

People Are Drifting Into Heathenism

H. J. Greenamyse

Once this part of Africa (Swaziland) was in gross darkness, but the light of God's eternal truth was brought into this country some years ago by some of God's good missionaries, and hundreds of natives are now clothed in modest apparel.

Owing to the far removed district, the native Christians very seldom see any white women other than the missionary ladies, and because of the good example set by them there has been very little change in the mode of dress. The leading native evangelist and interpreter had no opportunity to see the changing fashions of the world until taken on a trip to the proud European town of Sable Transvaal, by the missionaries of his country. During his few days' stay in Sable Transvaal, he went up town often, and native-like, saw everything there was to see, but said very little about the things that surprised him.

After returning to his native home, it fell to this native colored preacher to conduct the services the following Sunday. With the trip to the proud European town still fresh in his mind, he arose before the congregation and read his appropriate Scripture. He took for his theme, "The Coming of the Lord."

Everything was silent, and all eyes were upon this colored servant of God. The Spirit of the Lord fell upon the listening congregation, and the missionaries were convinced that the Lord was working and blessing the truth that fell from this black man's lips, his voice rang out in his native language with a force which would put to shame many of our homeland half-hearted preachers. Finally this black preacher cried out with an earnestness that fairly stormed the fort: "My last proof that Jesus is soon coming back to earth again, is that the white race which first received Jesus and Christianity, are now back-slidden and going naked and know it not." There and then, with the brightness of countenance, and flashing eyes, which proved God's presence, he set out to tell his hearers about his walk thru the streets of Sable. He said, "I, a religious, God-fearing, black-man, wanting to be modest, started to walk up the streets and to my surprise I met a white lady and at one glance I saw her knees, her fair arms and her low neck. Thinking that she would be grieved at me finding her unclothed, I turned and went up a side street, believing that she had appeared before putting on all her clothes. To my surprise, when seeking to escape from my first predicament, I met others, their hair cut just like men. (The women shall not wear that which pertaineth to a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's

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MEMBERSHIP DOUBLED

POPLARCREEK, Miss.—I want to praise the Lord thru the Evangel for His many blessings, for the way He is blessing His children at Bethany. Brothers Geo. Hall and J. T. Clark held a meeting a year ago and set the church in order with twelve members. We had a two weeks meeting recently and fifteen came into the church. Ten received the Holy Ghost and spake in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Brothers Geo. Hall and J. T. Clark are willing workers. We were pleased to have Sister Clark and daughter and Sister Hall with us. They are so faithful. We had a good many saints with us from Freewill and Mt. Olive. We were glad to have them. Pray much for us here, that we will continue in the way and get stronger in the Lord.—Your brother in Christ, D. W. Walker.

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Editorials

Brother F. J. Lee has returned from his trip in the West. He gives a good report of the work. At one of the conventions in Texas seventy-five received the Holy Ghost. They lost account of those saved and sanctified. The convention in Oklahoma was a great success. The Spirit and power of God was manifested and many people were blessed.

We visited Dividing Ridge Saturday evening, August 18th. Feet washing and Communion were observed. It was a wonderful feast, and some of the best singing I ever heard. How we felt an uplift by the visit to this place. The unity and fellowship was wonderful. I am sure all present enjoyed a great blessing.

Sunday morning we went to East Chattanooga for a Sunday School talk. The people at this place are on fire for God. They have a lively Sunday School. The work is moving on nicely.

TRUST IN GOD

"Trust ye in the Lord for ever." Isa. 26:4. Ignorance and unbelief are man's foes; and unrest is man's misery. The purpose of Revelation is to impart knowledge, to awake faith and trust and to fill the mind with that peace which is spiritual strength. The Lord Jehovah, the self-existing, the eternal, the almighty, a contrast to all created beings.

Put not your trust in man, in the sons of men. The everlasting hills are an emblem of strength, unchangeableness, solidity, eternity. God is often, by Moses and the Psalms, described as the rock, the stronghold, the fortress.

He whose feet are on the mountain peaks feels his station solid and secure. He who builds upon the rock has a strong and safe foundation. God is the sure foundation upon which His people rest. A sincere trust such as arises from consciousness of need and weakness; such as goes out toward a being who is able to strengthen, to comfort and to save, a steadfast trust such as described by the expression "whose mind is stayed upon thee," this is leaning and resting upon God; it is a trust of the scholar in the teacher, the traveler in the guide, the child in the parent, for ever in all circumstances for all times and unto eternity. Peace of consciousness, peace of heart, peace of life are all included and these may be enjoyed even in circumstances likely to disquiet and distress. We are not indeed able to keep ourselves in such peace, but what we can not do God can do, and will, if He be sought and honored.

PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY HAVE DONE NO GOOD IN LIFE

"We have not wrought any deliverance in the earth." Isa. 26:18. Israel mourning before God, they deemed they had accomplished nothing. They thought nobody was any better in all the land for anything they had attempted. How often God's people thus judge and condemn themselves. They conclude that they have only cumbered the ground. Life appears to them a failure.

What Israel wailed of old, "We have not wrought any deliverance in the earth," is frequently the retrospect of which God's best and most useful people take of themselves. Even C. H. Spurgeon, at the last charged himself with uselessness. He did this in a letter to his friend, Bishop Throld. Think of Spurgeon, of all men, self-accused of uselessness while his life, as we know, was filled

with labor and love, and thousands are brought to Jesus by his work.

On the other hand we see a spirit of boastfulness occasionally in some who profess to be God's people. They rather boast of what they have done, and I am afraid that people of this spirit haven't really done anything. I had rather feel that I had done nothing for the Lord than to boast of what I had done and in fact had done nothing. A boastful spirit is truly foreign to the Christian experience. Some of the greatest men who have ever lived, and accomplished the greatest good, have come to the end of the way feeling that they had done nothing. One of the most beautiful traits of Paul's life and character was that humble, self-sacrificing spirit, and how often he had declared that he was nothing. It is a fact that only thru God can His people work deliverance in the earth, and those who are boastful and are continually soliciting sympathy and inviting the praise and honor of men, are sure to go down in defeat. Oh that the church could recognize at all times, their Divine Head, and in place of honoring men they would honor Jesus who gave Himself for the church. When we work and labor for the Lord in His vineyard, of course there will be some appreciation of our service, and in all probability men and women will thank us for our labor and often tell us how they enjoyed the message and how they have been helped by our labor of love, but how few will remember to say as Peter, honor God, I am just a man. How I am praying for God to bring to pass His Word, and prove His church, the Body of Christ, and that we as His servants will truly honor Him. When we think about the judgment, knowing truly that every transgression and disobedience will have its reward, then what manner of men ought we to be? The Bible says that he that covereth his sins shall not prosper and we know that His Word is true. In the face of these facts why will men persist and try to vindicate themselves when they know they have transgressed God's laws, and know truly that they will have to meet it in the judgment? It is time for the church to begin to wall and cry out for God's will to be done. We are told that the Jews, ever since the crucifixion, have gone every day to the walling place and there waited for God to send a deliverer. The recent earthquakes in that country have so wrecked the old walls of Jerusalem where the Jews went to wall each day, until the laws of the city have placed a guard there for fear the walls would fall in on those who are there praying and waiting to God. They have been forced back from the old place, but nearby they are still walling and crying to God for deliverance, for a mighty awakening of the church to wall and cry out to God until He sends their deliverer. I don't know when I ever felt the need of a travelling spirit among our people as I feel it now. I pray that God will wake us up and we will begin to realize the great need.

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WONDERFUL CASE OF HEALING

VALDOSTA, Ga.—I have been sick (but not in bed) for months, with diabetes. The saints prayed for me and I also placed the Evangel on my body I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. To-day finds me saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides.

There is just a few here now, but the Lord is blessing. Sister Maggie Jeffords has charge of the work here this year, and has been faithful. We thank the Lord for sending her here. Brother S. C. Chambers came to Valdosta from Melrose or Bethel campmeeting, and preached for us one week. The Lord wonderfully blessed from the beginning to the end. The altar was filled nearly every night. There was shouting, and dancing. The congregation increased each night and on Sunday night the church was filled and many on the outside. Bro. Chambers preached some wonderful sermons. The music by him and his family was heavenly and everyone enjoyed it. There were eight saved, six received the Holy Ghost and seven added to the church. Brother Jesse Culppeper was appointed clerk and treasurer.

I must tell you of a wonderful case of healing. Brother Chambers and several of the saints were invited to Sister Turner's home to pray for her husband who had been sick in bed for fifty days. The room was filled with people. As we sang, the power of God came down in our midst. We prayed for him and he was healed. He called for his clothes, got out of bed, shouted over the room and was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Well praise the Lord, he came to service that night and testified and was added to the church. Several received the Holy Ghost in that little cottage meeting.

I think every body who heard Bro. Chambers preach, wants him and his family to come back. He would have remained longer, but had to leave for Pine Grove, Ga. to take charge of the camp meeting there. Bro. Chambers, the church here is anxious for you to come back as soon as the Lord is willing.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. W. L. Bell.

JUST A FEW MORE DAYS

A few more days of toil,
And our race will be run;
If we're faithful to our King,
The crown will then be won.

Happy thought to know we'll be
With Jesus there for aye,
Where there will never be a night
But one eternal day.

Just across the swelling tide,
By faith we'll see His face,
The face of Him who died for us
Upon the rugged cross.

Think of the hour when old and young
Shall all go marching in
Their robes all washed as white as
snow,
And not one stain of sin.

Glorious thought it thrills my soul
O, that my life will be
A shining light to point
Some soul to the Lamb of Calvary.

'Tis grand to know the cleansing blood
Is to my heart applied
And then to know the Holy Ghost
Doth sweetly now abide.

Amid the test and trials sore
'Twill guide our feet aright
Help us to keep our vessels clean
With lamps all burning bright.

And when our earthly toil is o'er,
Our days all in the past,
We'll soar away beyond the stars,
And be at home at last.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

CASH RECEIPTS

Aug. 1st to 17th

Sewing club, Christopher, Ky. \$30.00; S. S. Pineola, N. C. \$4.51; Tom Johnson, Kimberly, Ala. \$0.50; S. S. Atlanta, Ga. \$15.00; S. S. Largo, Fla. \$4.52; S. S. Deerfield, Va. \$1.25; S. S. Cherry Hill, Tex. \$4.90; A. S. Funk, Monroe, Va. \$1.63; S. S. East Lynn, Va. \$1.00; S. S. Electra, Tex. \$2.52; S. S. Columbia, S. C. \$2.25; J. W. Culppeper, Lake Park, Ga. \$0.28; S. S. Kansas City, Kan. \$8.00; S. S. Garrison, W. Va. \$7.00; Lolo Rucker, Philadelphia, Pa. \$3.20; S. S. Philadelphia, Pa. \$0.71; S. S. Ashville, N. C. \$2.67; S. S. Lawton, Okla. \$7.54; Church, Shamrock, Tex. \$2.87; S. S. Branford, Fla. \$0.51; S. S. Mineral Wells, Tex. \$2.57; S. S. Circleville, O. \$0.93; S. S. Somerset, Pa. \$9.60; Rochester, Tex. \$2.75; S. S. Columbus, Ga. \$1.80; S. S. Auten, S. C. \$1.50; S. S. Walhalla, S. C. \$5.56; S. S. South St. Joseph, Mo. \$1.14; Church Ft. White, Fla. \$10.00; Mrs. J. D. Hall, Ironton, O. \$2.25; Albert Teaster, Clyde, N. C. \$1.00; S. S. Ravenna, Ky. \$4.70; S. S. Blue Diamond, Ky. \$3.00; S. S. Boynton, Pa. \$1.00; S. S. Sebwa, Mich. \$3.25; S. S. Lannius, Tex. \$4.15; S. S. Milton, W. Va. \$0.89; S. S. Thurber, Tex. \$0.47; S. S. Tampa, Fla. \$2.72; S. S. Montgomery, Ala. \$3.78; S. S. Anderson, S. C. \$2.79; S. S. Grand Ledge, Mich.

\$3.23; S. S. Chokoloskee, Fla. \$2.57; S. S. Widner, Ark. \$1.75; S. S. Tarpon Springs, Fla. \$30.89; S. S. Boswell, Pa. \$2.78; T. P. Douglas, Miami, Fla. \$20.77; S. S. Charlotte, N. C. \$5.54; S. S. Lancaster, O. \$3.22; S. S. Hebron, N. Dak. \$5.28; S. S. Cincinnati, O. \$10.00; J. F. Raulston, Hixson, Tenn. \$20.00; Church, Momeyer, N.C. \$5.00; S. S. Akron, O. \$6.70; S. S. Weatherford, Tex. \$3.72; S. S. Baldwin Park, Cal. \$4.45; S. S. Olney, Ill. \$4.03; S. S. Magnolia, O. \$1.38; S. S. Findlay, O. \$0.45; S. S. Summit, Ala. \$4.75; S. S. Honey Comb, Ill. \$0.69; S. S. Charleston, S. C. \$1.43; S. S. Eldorado, Md. \$0.57; S. S. Reading, Pa. \$3.05; S. S. Heidelberg, Ky. \$0.50; S. S. Owltown, Ga. \$0.77; S. S. Kannapolis, N. C. \$2.50; S. S. Oloste, Fla. \$7.70; S. S. Thorn, Miss. \$2.49; S. S. Class No. 1, Clay City, Ky. \$0.75; John L. Gaylor, Skelton, W. Va. \$2.50; S. S. Middleboro, Ky. \$11.30; S. S. Harrisburg, Ill. \$3.00; S. S. Maryville, Tenn. \$0.60; S. S. Ft. Worth, Tex. \$2.75; S. S. Jefferson City, Tenn. \$0.32; S. S. Marion, Va. \$4.10; Church, Dividing Ridge, Tenn. \$4.70; S. S. Kentwood, La. \$4.05; Church, Mt. Vernon, Ill. \$1.00; S. S. Lafayette, Ga. \$3.03; S. S. Marked Tree, Ark. \$3.84; S. S. Stroud, Okla. \$2.28; S. S. Memphis, Tenn. \$2.00; S. S. Cambridge, Md. \$1.57.

MISSIONS! MISSIONS!!

Why Are We Failing In This?

I want to insist that the pastors carry out the orders of the Assembly, where it requires that each pastor is to raise an offering each month to the amount of five percent of the tithes paid in to each local church. This would give each state financial aid to help in getting work started in new fields, also it would furnish financial aid to the foreign work.

Because of the pastors not pushing this, our mission proposition is running slim. I thought well to call your attention to this very important matter.

F. J. Lee.

S. Carolina State Convention

The convention started at the time appointed, with a goodly number present. It seemed that the tide was in from the very beginning, but it kept getting higher and higher until Bro. Raney was made to remark, "If the Lord has anything better, He will have to bring it with Him when He comes." The preaching was wonderful. The singing was grand and the testimonies were glorious. It seemed as if we were just lifted higher and higher until we were made to wonder what would come next.

We were glad to have with us, visitors from the neighboring states, among whom was the Overseer, of N. C., Brother Roy E. Blackwood. He held us spellbound for an hour as we listened to one of the most interesting sermons we ever heard. His high tenor voice could also be heard as we sang "O Happy Day", until it seemed at times that the roof would almost be lifted from the house had it been possible. The preaching and singing by the home visitors and preachers was greatly enjoyed.

Our Overseer, Brother Raney, did his best to make the convention a success, and he did. While he was very sick and suffered much pain and could sit up only a part of the time, at other times the Lord would bless him until he seemed to forget all about his suffering. He showed great interest in the work in S. C. and also the work in general, such as boosting the Evangel, missions, etc. We had many with us from the different churches here in Greenville. All seemed to enjoy the blessings of the Lord together. At one time I noticed people from the Assembly of God, Pentecost Holiness, Holiness Baptist, Holy Baptist, Church of God and others that I did not know, all rejoicing together. One great preacher and a very worthy man, joined our ranks and is now ready for work in the Church of God. Others said this was the best thing they had ever seen and they were coming this way. Tongue can not describe the glory that filled our souls and the great good accomplished.—Zeno C. Tharp.

Meet our Savior and loved ones dear,
Look upon their face,
O won't that be a glorious time
Within that holy place.

If I can win one soul from shame
And cause one to rejoice,
O'er full deliverance from all sin
With Jesus as their choice.

Won't I be glad to hear Him say,
When all of life is done,
O come thou faithful child of mine
Receive the crown you've won.—
Yours for lost souls, Nettie Havney.

IF WE BELIEVE

LaBELLE, Fla.—Jesus is the Savior of my soul. I thank Him for saving me by grace, sanctifying me with His life blood, baptizing me with the sweet Holy Ghost and adding me to the dear old Church of God, the pillar and the ground of the truth. He put me on the run for Glory; He is my physician. He heals me and my family when we get sick. I want to state that God is able to heal anything if we will only believe. One year ago as two more men and I were carrying a big door, one of them slipped and too much weight fell on my right side, causing a bad rupture. I said, "Lord, there is nothing impossible with you." I put my trust in Him and He has wonderfully healed me and I am praising Him.

I thank Him because my wife has the blessed Holy Ghost. We have a happy home on earth, bless His name. I thank Him for our little church at LaBelle and for the dear souls that He is blessing here. I am looking for greater blessings. I thank Him for Brother Bell and his little family and his little sister-in-law. Brother Bell is our pastor. We appreciate the interest he takes in God's work. God is blessing his efforts he is accomplishing much for God. We also thank the Lord for our little Sunday School, the future looks bright. Pray for us. I have four little children and want to rear them for God.—Your brother in Christ, R. M. Lucky, Box 55.

FOUGHT THE DEVIL—VICTORY CAME

CAWOOD, Ky. (July 10) I wish to thank the Lord for what He is to me. He saved me eighteen months ago and delivered me out of a world of sin and I am so glad He did. He added me to the dear old Church of God and I thank the Lord for that. This is the best way I have ever read of. In fact I believe this is the real way from earth to glory.

We have just closed a three weeks revival at Cawood and the Lord surely has given us the victory. Sister Mable Hatcher from Williamsburg did most of the preaching and the Lord surely did bless her in giving out the Word of God. We surely do thank the Lord for sending us a preacher like this that can touch the hard hearted sinners and get them to come to the Lord. Bro. B. H. Enix, our pastor, was with us some and helped out in the service when he was here and we thank the Lord for that too. May the Lord bless Sister Hatcher in all of her efforts wherever she may go, is our prayers. We believe she is a real child of God. While the revival was going on, we prayed and whipped the devil back until the Lord saved twenty-two and sanctified eight and baptized three with the Holy Ghost and they spoke in tongues according to Acts 2:4. Seven were baptized in water and seven took up fellowship with the church and we give God the praise. We believe we have got some real stickers at Cawood this time. All that read this, please pray for the Church at Cawood, and also pray that I will get the blessing, for I know it is for me too.—Stephen H. Mitchell.

A SUCCESSFUL TENT MEETING

FINDLAY, Ohio.—The Church of God at Findlay, O. reports the closing of a successful three weeks tent meeting, July 8th to 29th inclu. Brother and Sister Paul P. Carpenter, the state evangelists from Midvale, O. were in charge. Each evening saw the big tent well filled and often times overflowing with people eager to hear the message brought by this forceful and uncompromising speaker. As usual the devil was very much stirred and attempted to stop the good work. The saints held on to the Lord and He blessed the meetings with fourteen saved, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water and five added to the church.

The Lord also opened the way for leasing a modern church building much larger and better suited to the conditions here. Dedication services were observed in the new church Aug. 5th. We truly praise and thank the Lord for all His blessings.—F. Feller, Clerk.

JOHN'S VISION OF THE CHURCH

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of His eye. She is graven on His hands, he rejoices over her as a young bridegroom rejoices over his bride.

(D.) Golden, on account of its durability. The church has a sure foundation, the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. She rests on a revealed Christ and will endure coequal with Him. She is composed of precious stones, lively stones, she groweth up a spiritual house for a habitation of God thru the Spirit. The clay and brass of all worldly creeds and kingdoms shall be thrown down and destroyed; but the golden kingdom of Christ is an everlasting kingdom and His reign shall never end.

Let us notice:—

(4.) The numerical description of the church.

"Seven golden candlesticks," representing literally the seven Asiatic churches. Spiritually, it represents and relates to the completeness of the church, as the number seven in scripture indicates perfection. On the seventh day God rested from His labors and blessed and hallowed it. The seventh year was a Sabbatical year. We read also of seven priests, seven churches, seven trumpets, seven seals, seven spirits, seven angels, etc., admitting the term "to" indicates perfection, how does it apply to the church? The members of the church not perfect in their conduct and practice here. It is not perfect in its collective form, for it is a growing body, it is an unfinished building. The Church of God may be said to be perfect.

(A.) In its head.

Christ is the head of the church, which is His body. There can be no weakness in Him. No fallibility can be ascribed to Him, and the members of His body can only be complete in Him. This completeness is not effected by our affiliation with the literal and visible side of the church, but is made possible only by our spiritual connection with Him by faith and a continuous cleansing of the blood of Christ. The blood is the life, and just as the blood must be continually flowing thru every part of the human body to perpetuate life, absorbing poisonous substances and distributing life-giving properties; just so the blood of Jesus must continue to flow thru the church in every individual organ absorbing and atoning for all our human imperfections and diffusing spiritual life. Thus it may be said we are complete in Him.

(B.)—The church is perfect in its ordinances. All that is necessary for the church's comfort and fruitfulness has been given and will receive no more. It remains for her to love, reverence, and observe them by keeping them as demanded by holy writ.

(C.) It is perfect in its revelation. The Word of God, which was given by inspiration for the perfecting of its saintship has been given in its completeness, and forms a perfect guidebook for the church's conduct and practice, nothing more is needed and nothing more will be given.

(D.) It is perfect in its spiritual influence. It has the Holy Ghost. The Spirit of truth and light abiding in it forever to illuminate and guide the church into all truth, taking the things of Christ and showing them unto its members.

We will notice:—

5. (A.) It is visible to the heaven-born soul and having found the way to Zion, he becomes one of her inhabitants. He seeks her peace and happiness and delights himself in her fellowship and communion.

(B.) It is visible to the world. And the world hates it, because they are condemned by it, and because it proclaims relentless war on its principles and fashions.

(C.) It is visible to fallen wicked spirits. And they are arrayed in hostile conflict against her existence and progress. Paul says, We wrestle against wicked spirits in heavenly places.

(D.) It is visible to the blessed and glorious Jehovah.

His eyes are there perpetually, she is as the apple of his eye. His ears are open to her cries, and He is ready to supply her every need according to His riches in glory.

(E.) It is visible to angels. They watch over it, and minister to its inhabitants. "Are they not all ministering spirits?" "The angels of the Lord campeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them." How beautiful is the Zion of our God! How happy are her inhabitants! How dignified and numerous her privileges. How anxious should all her sons and daughters be to exhibit to all around the light of truth and the beauties of holiness; How miserable would be the condition of our world without it.

I love thy kingdom Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The church our best Redeemer bought
With His own precious blood.

I love thy Church of God!
Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
And graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend;
For her my cares and toils be given
Till toils and cares shall end.—Sel.

NOTICES & SPECIALS

On Sept. 8, 1923 the Church of God people at Lando, S. C. will start a revival with Brother Clyde Dodd in charge. Every one is invited to come. On Sept. 9th, there will be an all day service and dinner on the ground. We will have with us, D. V., Brother W. E. Raney, our State Overseer, Brother Roy E. Blackwood, Overseer of N. C., Brother Zeno Tharp of Greenville, S. C., and Brother Clyde Dodd from Charleston, S. C. We are looking forward to a great time on that day. Everybody welcome.

I would like for all the members of the Church at Lando, S. C. to be sure to come. Bring a well filled basket with you, and don't forget to bring your \$1.00 on the \$1.00 per member drive to pay off the indebtedness at headquarters. Now don't forget the \$1.00. Let's get this debt off at headquarters, then we can show. So come on and let us at Lando shout Brother Lee we love the Church of God, by doing our part. May God bless you.—Your humble servant, Howard D. Statum, pastor, Lando, S. C.

The article in last week's issue of the Evangel, titled "A Bob-Haired Saint" was by Mrs. A. L. Edison Brown, Floral City, Fla. The one titled "The Abounding Grace of God" was by Robert Hill.

A revival will begin at Oak Grove, Ala., about three miles northeast of Cooper, Ala., August 19, with Brother J. S. Collins in charge. Everybody is invited to come over into Macedonia and help us. We have some real Church of God people here and you will be well cared for. We want the saints to pray for this little church and its pastor.—M. J. Headley, pastor, Route 6. (This notice was received too late for last week's paper).

We are expecting a revival to begin at the Middlesex church the 5th Sunday in September. Preachers, and everybody else who can, be sure to come and help in the meeting. The pastor will be in charge. The meeting will be about four and one half miles from Middlesex, N. C.—A. M. Brantley.

The Church of God at Ft. Meade, Fla., wants to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Brother and Sister D. L. Langley.—W. R. Williams, clerk.

The Church of God at Harlan, Ky., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Chester Collett, Silas Hatfield, Ada Hatfield, Eliza Galyan, Victoria McDonalds and James Doss. If anyone knows the whereabouts of any of these, please notify Herman Adkins, clerk, Elcomb, Ky.

I will begin a revival at Blossom, Texas, August 16th. Everybody come. Nice place to camp; good old-time people. Come, help pray, preach, sing, and testify. "Whatever the Lord says, do it," is our motto. We are expecting a great time in the Lord. We want real Holy Ghost, Church of God preachers to do the preaching in this meeting. The pastor will be in charge. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost will be given praise for all that is accomplished.—W. M. Ford, pastor. (This notice received too late for last week's paper).

The North Carolina state camp meeting convenes at Washington, N. C., seven miles northwest of the town, at the old campground, Sept. 13th-23d inclusive. W. M. Stallings of Belmont, N. C. and the writer will be in charge. We want to insist on all the churches being represented, especially from the eastern part of the state, as some of the churches were not represented at the state convention. Come

on preachers, attend the camp meeting; insist on your members attending. We are expecting to have a great outpouring of the Spirit of God these ten days. Come on campers, and bring some blankets and pillows. There will be camp houses for campers, as long as they last. You folks who have been working all the year, take a vacation and attend the camp meeting. Come one and all.—Roy E. Blackwood.

To the ministers and workers in Missouri and Kansas: Some of the ministers have written that they were going to do their best to win the Bible for their State Overseer. We want everyone to do his best for the paper we love so well, and I am sure I would appreciate the new Bible. Come on pastors and co-workers, let us put the old "show me" state in the lead.—Your co-worker, T. R. Harwood, Overseer of Mo. and Kans.

The Church of God will have home coming day a Princeton, W. Va. the 1st Sunday in September. We want to make this one great day for the Princeton District. All churches are invited to be here on that day. We will have dinner on the ground. Everybody bring a basket with a little something to eat. We will have some interesting speakers on program, also for Sunday School.—F. W. Rollins, District Overseer.

To all the District Overseers in Ala.: As I have been appointed State Superintendent of Sunday Schools and not being able heretofore to get things lined up, I am taking this last minute's opportunity.

Will each of you District Overseers please appoint a district superintendent over the Sunday Schools in your district, and request that he be at the State Convention with a report from his district. We will try and get things organized there.—Yours very truly, E. L. Simmons, State Supt. Sunday Schools.

The Church of God of Olney, Ill., wishes to extend an invitation to the surrounding churches to attend our home coming service, Sept. 2d. We are expecting a great time in the Lord. We will have service all day and a basket dinner will be served. Don't forget we are looking for a great time, good preaching and good music. Be sure to come.—Granam Oglesby, pastor, 1106 N. Walnut St., Olney, Ill.

The Church of God in Columbia, S. C. will start a meeting Sept. 8, 1923, D. V. It will run ten days, or as long as the Lord leads. Our State Overseer, Brother Raney, and Brother S. C. Chambers are expected to be with us. We heartily invite all the preachers and members to come and help us fight the battle. We ask you to pray for the success of this meeting.—O. H. Tollison.

We wish to start our meeting by Sept. 15th, or not later than the 22d. We want a true blue Church of God preacher, standing foursquare for the Church of God, with F. J. Lee as Overseer. Anyone being lead to come, write me at Marble Hill, Mo. You will be cared for while the meeting is carried on and as long as the Lord leads. I can care for two men or a man and his wife. Trusting to hear from someone at an early date, I am your sister in Christ, Effie M. Donaldson.

Our revival will begin August 15th, with Brother Will Stallings, pastor of the Church of God at Belmont, N. C. in charge. We ask all who would like to, and can, to come and be with us. We are expecting a good time with the Lord. Everybody welcome. Those who can't come, please pray for the meeting, that it will be a success and

that souls will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24th, 25th, and 26th, we will have our district convention. We are expecting a great time. Come and bring well filled baskets on Sunday. We will have some good preaching, and good singing too. If you want to enjoy yourself, come and be with us during this revival and convention at the Church of God at Gastonia, N. C.—D. M. Shults, pastor. (Too late for last week's paper).

The Church of God at Gastonia, N. C. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: T. H. Stokes, J. W. Johnson, P. M. Crisp, J. R. Rich, Warreneder Glen, B. F. Autery and wife, Dora Morrison and Alex Morrison.—F. H. Collier, Clerk, Route 1, Belmont, N. C.

The Mississippi State Convention convenes near Cleveland, Miss., Oct. 4-7. We hope the meeting will be over by this time so our people can come. Hope to have some from every church in the state. If you can't come, be sure and write me in regard to your church. We want all of the churches to report. We want to get the minutes straight. If you write me shortly, address me at Starksville, Miss., but if you fail to write me while I am at home, be sure and write me at Cleveland, Miss., % B. F. Wolfe, No. 1.

Brother Jesse Danehower, State Overseer of Arkansas is to be with us and we are expecting other preachers also. We are looking for the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be there in full power. O dear saints, come on, let us press toward the front lines, because Jesus, our Captain, is right on the front lines, in mighty power. Sometimes it seems like I can almost hear Him say, go forward.—Overseer, C. G. Edwards.

We are expecting to begin a revival at Swilley Hill Tabernacle the first Sunday in September, 1923. Everybody invited. Come and help us.—W. P. Swilley, Rt. 4, Box 35, Valdosta, Ga.

To the district overseers and pastors in Tennessee:

I am sure we are all interested in the Evangel and would like to get more subscribers, so I wish to ask each district overseer and pastor to either take this matter up personally, or appoint some one in each church to get subscriptions for the Evangel. We do not want Tennessee to be behind in this good work, so let us do our best in everything.

Another thing I wish to mention again is our mission fund. I am sure that everyone knows the ruling of the Assembly on this, but I find that very few churches in Tennessee have responded so far. We could have used quite a bit of mission money to a good advantage this year, but we just have not had it because the churches have failed to respond to this worthy cause. So let us not neglect these things as they are very needful, but let us do our best to be loyal on every line and see if the Lord doesn't bless us better than ever before.—Yours for good works, H. N. Scoggins, Overseer of Tennessee.

Devil Had To Change Headquarters

DOVER, Fla. (Aug. 9) — We have just closed a revival at Dover, Florida with great victory. Three were saved, four sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost. Bro. and Sister Mann assisted us in the revival and Bro. Mann surely did give out the Word so strong that the devil had to move his headquarters. We had to close our revival on account of flu, but if it is the Lord's will we will start the revival again in two weeks.

We closed our revival with many hungry souls seeking the Lord. All the saints pray that the Lord will save and sanctify many souls and fill with the Holy Ghost.—G. W. Wood, pastor.

REQUESTS

I thank the Lord for what He has done for me. I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse to be anointed and prayed over for the healing of my body. The Lord has done much for me, but I request a special prayer for the complete healing of my body. Pray that I may be saved also.—Amelee Clark, Route 1, Cason, Fla.

I earnestly request that the saints at Cleveland and everywhere pray a special prayer for my sister, Mrs. Bessie Sharp. She has been sick for eighteen months and is getting worse.—Mrs. Maud Hall, Scottsboro, Ala.

Please pray for the Lord to heal my body. He knows all about the trouble. Please do not pass this unnoticed, but pray a prayer of faith for me as I am suffering.—A sister in the Church of God.

I humbly request all the saints of God to send up an earnest prayer to God for the healing of my body. I am in a bad condition and need your prayers.—Bessie E. Scruggs, Tutwiler, Miss.

I am sick with rheumatism and have been sick for six weeks. I ask the prayers of all the saints that I may be healed.—Walter Johnson, Sanford, Fla. Rt. 1, Box 17.

I am in an awful condition. I have prayed for the last two weeks that Jesus would save my soul, but the devil is in my path and makes me fear the power of God. It seems that I can't exercise the sufficient amount of faith in Jesus to receive the blessing. Pray for me that I may defeat the devil and over the world a victory win. Pray that my faith will be built up strong enough to trust Jesus' love. He who died on the rugged cross of Calvary that I might be saved. I want to work for God each day, although I don't want to go with an antichrist spirit. I want a salvation I will know something about. I feel that I have done nothing in the sight of God.—Yours in distress, Allene Ward, Mt. Airy, N. C.

I am asking the prayers of all the Evangel readers for my healing. I have been in bed nearly five weeks and I don't feel that I will get well except thru the Lord. I have been saved several years. I have had many trials but I am still trusting the Lord. I had two sisters to pray for me and I feel a little better. Don't fail to pray for me to be healed, that I may do service for the Lord. Also pray for my little girl who has been sick all her life.—A sister in Christ, M. A. Bronnan, Box 152, Whigham, Ga.

I want the saints to pray a special prayer for me that God will heal me. I have been trusting God for about twelve years. He has healed me of many diseases. I praise Him for victory over everything up to now except diseases. Dear saints, let us stick closer together. When we trust God for the healing of our bodies, the world turns against us. I have been afflicted for nearly a year. Pray for me.—Rosa Wilson, Boaz, Ala.

GOD BLESSED

MIZE, Miss. (July 29th)—We started a revival on the 14th. Brother E. G. Rite did the preaching, Brother Dewey Basby lead the testimonies. As Bro. Rite preached the power of God fell. Many souls wept their way thru to God. One night we had a wonderful service. God blessed us until three o'clock in the morning. Our revival closed the 28th. There were five filled with the Holy Ghost. The altar was full of seekers. Some said it was the greatest revival they ever witnessed. Pray for us.—Able Ainsworth, Route. 1

BE CAREFUL WHEN PITCHING YOUR TENT

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paid any tithes at all, consequently the Lord had nothing in store for him. I notice that Lot, however, did not stagger at this great offer that his old uncle had made him. He did not stop to reason the matter with Abram, saying, Now dear uncle I appreciate the offer that you have made me and I can plainly see off yonder to the east those beautiful plains with their beautiful springs and brooks and creeks of rippling waters, and it looks very tempting to me, but dear uncle it just looks too greedy for me to take all this. Come now, I pray thee, let us fix it so we can both share this great blessing, that God has given us together. And then if the Sodomites should see our prosperity and come upon us, we can defend each other, but not so with Lot. Now this was the crisis of all his after-life, for no sooner had he lifted up his eyes and beheld those beautiful plains of Jordan than he just gathered up all that he had and journeyed east and pitched his tent toward Sodom. Now this proved to be bad for Lot, for no sooner had he pitched his tent towards that wicked city than his heart began to incline that way. And God's blessings were upon him no more. Farther and farther he drifted away from God.

Fathers and mothers, which way are you pitching your tent? Are you letting your children persuade you to let them mingle with those wicked Sodomites until they bring your gray hairs down to distress and sorrow? Have you pitched your tent toward Sodom? Ah dear one, beware, beware! Sodom is a type of this wicked world and God's Word tells you to be not conformed to the things of this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Do you think it to be a signification of your renewed mind when you send or consent to your beautiful daughter going to the barber shop to be robbed of that beautiful covering which God has given her for her head and which He has said shall be her glory; allow her to so shorten her dresses as to take away all the modesty she ever had, and then hope for them to be in the Rapture and go up with the Bride to meet the Lord in the air. Fathers, mothers, do you know God will hold you responsible for the way you are rearing your children? But you say, My children are determined to do these things. Dear brother, sister, do you know why your children are so? The secret of all this is in the way you pitched your tent. Why did you, with Lot, pitch your tent toward Sodom, because your unregenerated heart was inclined that way? And the farther you go in this way the farther you go away from God. Brother, sister, I pray you stop. Stop now, stop where you are, return to Abram which is now called Abraham. Where do we see him now? Out yonder he is, listening to God as He tells him to lift up his eyes and look toward the east and toward the west and toward the south and toward the north and tells him, all the land thou seest shall be thine and to thy seed forever. Brother, do you think Abram lost anything by paying tithes? I will listen to your answer.

Where is Lot whose history does not show that he ever paid any tithes? His flocks all are gone. His wife turned to a pillar of salt; his beautiful daughters, all but two, perished in the flames of Sodom, the other went to an awful shame by committing adultery with their father, and Lot is gone and all because he pitched his tent toward Sodom.—A. A. Carpenter.

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MANY SOULS WON FOR GOD

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio—We surely praise the Lord for what He is to me and for the wonderful power He gives us. Our pastor, Brother J. D. Wilson, made the statement that he was going to fight the devil harder this year than ever before, so about December he started a meeting in Dayton, O. It lasted about three weeks, and just after this we had a three weeks meeting at home conducted by Brother J. L. Goin. Our pastor was then called to Hamilton, O. and there conducted a six weeks meeting. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. It was estimated that seventy-five were saved, sixty-five sanctified and fifty-five filled with the Holy Ghost. Many messages went forth and the interpretations given.

Brother Wilson has just closed a three weeks tent meeting at home, again with good results. Several backsliders were reclaimed, some saved and good interest manifested. Large crowds attended and the Word went forth with power. The Lord is surely blessing at Middletown. Pray for us that the Lord will have His way. In the meeting at Dayton about thirteen or more were saved, sanctified and about ten received the Holy Ghost. In the tent meeting at Middletown the last two nights of the meeting was held in the church house and the last night Brother Will preached on the church and nine were added to the church.—Charley Ingram.

25 Baptized With The Holy Ghost

WAYCROSS, Ga. (June 20) — Bro. S. C. Chambers and family arrived at the Church of God tabernacle on the night of June 19th and began a revival. The Lord blessed from the first service, and conviction got on the hearts of many that were out in sin. It was wonderful to hear fathers and mothers, sons and daughters pray, cry and rejoice as the joy would flood their souls. At times it seemed that the Lord was present. No tongue will ever be able to tell just how wonderful it was. The songs seemed to be of a heavenly nature. The prayers seemed to be directed of the precious Holy Ghost, and the testimonies were full of real Pentecostal fire. The sermons seemed to be right off the throne of God. It was most impossible to keep record of the ones that got saved and sanctified. Twenty-five were baptized with the Holy Ghost for we heard them speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave the utterance. Thirteen were baptized in water. On the account of the bad weather, most half of the converts were not able to get to the baptizing, so there will be another baptizing soon. Twenty-eight were added to the church, the meeting closed Sunday night, July 8th, with a joyful time in communion and feet-washing. Monday, Bro. Chambers and band of workers left for Bethel for the camp meeting near Melrose, Ga. He leaves a host of brothers and sisters and friends in Waycross who are anxious for him to return and give the town a tent meeting. O how we thank the Lord for the revival and for such men as Bro. Chambers who will preach the Bible. We desire the prayers of the people that the revival will keep going till many more will be saved in Waycross.—C. A. Culpepper, Pastor.

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WILL YOU BE ONE OF THAT GLAD NUMBER?

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."—Psa. 133:1

We are thinking and praying much about the Assembly at headquarters now. We hope to see thousands at this wonderful feast. Suppose this would be the last Assembly before Jesus comes, and we knew it. What kind of an Assembly do you suppose it would be? Suppose we, each one, try to make this Assembly the very best of all the past, and then should Jesus come, we will not regret our work and labors of love together for the lost.

The church has taken on great obligations. Thousands this year have been added to her number. As it increases in number, it should increase in favor with God; in love and unity with one another.

It is the prayers of those who are interested in the work of the Church, that God's divine approval will be upon the Assembly and that everything will be directed by the Spirit and power of God. This can only be accomplished by honest prayers, and as we pray, let us ask God to direct the entire Assembly, and that everything that is done have His divine approval.

OBITUARIES

WEBB

The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister S. B. Webb on April the 3th and took their darling little girl, Edna Irene. She was about two and one-half years old and was one of the sweet jewels that God had blessed them with, to keep for a little while. She left two little brothers and a little sister to cheer the broken hearts, and she went on ahead to bid them welcome when God calls for them.

Edna Irene was sick only a few days, from Thursday until Monday. Lots of prayers were offered for her, but God needed her in Heaven. She was too sweet to stay in this sin-cursed world. May God bless and comfort the brokenhearted mother and father, and may they ever stand true to God and meet their darling where there will be no more death to part them. May the family circle be unbroken there.—A very dear friend, Mrs. B. F. Wolfe, Rt. 1, Cleveland, Miss.

KESS

The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Kess, Paris, Texas, on Sept. 28, 1927 and claimed for its victim, little John Travis Kess, born Oct. 29, 1925. He left to mourn his death a father, mother, one brother, one sister and many friends.

John Travis dear, we will meet you On the streets of gold,
There with Jesus and the true
Thy face again we'll behold.

God in His love called you,
Thy face from us is gone,
But we hope again to meet you
Around the blessed heavenly throne.

One who loved him, W. M. Ford, Pastor.

ROBERSON

Sister Mollie Roberson departed this life July 3d. She was struck with paralysis in Baxley, Ga. on Sunday night when she had gone to attend the foot washing service. She washed feet, took the Lord's Supper, shouted and talked in tongues before she was attacked. She had been a member of the Church of God for seven years. She was saved, fifteen years; seven years ago she was sanctified and received the Holy Ghost. She was a true member and lived and died in the faith. We miss her so much in the church. She was always ready to say something for the Lord. She led prayer meeting the last time she was at her church. That voice we could hear singing is still gone. We will hear it no more. She has given in her last testimony in this world. But we have the privilege of meeting her on yonder's shore where there will be no sad farewells, and all will be joy and peace.

Sister Roberson is not dead but is asleep in Jesus. She has just begun to live. She will be missed in the community and home. She was a true, loving mother and wife. She leaves a brokenhearted husband, Mr. W. H. Roberson, and nine children, five children preceding her to the great beyond. She was loved by all who knew her.—One who loved her.

REA

John W. Rea was born June 16, 1861 and departed this life May 17, 1928 at the age of sixty-six years eleven months and one day. He was the son of a Civil War veteran, John B. and Jennie Rea. He was united in marriage at the age of twenty-two years to Mary Dutton. To this union were born eight children, Mrs. Viola Simpson, South Bend Indiana, Mrs. Iva Dennis, Andrews, Ind., Arthur and J. W. both of Hartford, Ind. all who survive; Nellie, Margie, Amber and Lured preceded him with their mother to the great beyond.

Again in 1907 he was united in marriage to Myrtle Beah. To this union were born two children, Shirley and Nina, who also survive him. He also leaves one sister, four brothers and fifteen grandchildren. He suffered intensely the past two years, but bore his pains with patience. He was taken to the T. B. Sanitarium at River-ton, Ill. Dec. 26, 1927 and remained there till death.

He professed faith in Christ about fourteen years ago and was a strong believer in the Church of God altho he never joined any church. He will be sadly missed by relatives and friends.

A loved one from us has flown,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in the home
That never can be filled.—His children.

LOTT

On June 4, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett near Indianola, Miss. and claimed for its victim, James Edward, age seven years. It was hard to give him up but God's will be done. He trusted God to the end and his last words were, "Since Jesus came into my heart." He was a good child and loved to attend Sunday School and church. We loved him very dearly and his place in the home can never be filled, but God loved him best.

The funeral service was conducted by S. S. Monroe, pastor, and his remains were laid to rest near Indianola.

la, Miss. By God's help we expect to meet little James on the golden shore.

Like a jewel brightly shining,
In his place he'll watch and wait;
And we'll welcome him so gladly,
When we reach those pearly gates.—
One who loved him, Ethel Monroe.

HITTEL

On May 15, 1928 the death angel visited the home of our Brother and Sister Hittel and claimed for its victim their son, Harrell, age sixteen years, and a member of the Church of God at Lake Monroe. He was in bed about a week. Everything was done that loving hands could do, but God said it was enough and took him home to glory where there will be no more pains or sorrow, but all will be glory and happiness up there with the Father, Son and angels.

While on his bed of affliction, he was always looking up, praying and praising the Lord and never did complain. He leaves to mourn his death, a father, mother, four brothers, four sisters and a host of friends. Harrell, we will miss you in the church and Sunday School, and in prayer meeting your place can never be filled, but our loss is Heaven's gain. We cannot call him back to earth to stay with us, but if we will live for Jesus here in this old sinful world we will go to meet Harrell when God calls us home. Dear father, mother, brothers and sisters, live true to Jesus all your life and come to be with me when God says it is enough. The funeral service was conducted by the writer and Brother Burl Sumner.—E. L. Hicks, pastor.

BRYANT

On Mar. 23, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Mrs. Samuel Bryant and claimed for its victim her dear husband, age eighty-three years and five months. All was done for Brother Bryant that loving hands could do, but the Lord saw fit in His loving kind and tender mercy to take him to rest with Him. We were sorry to part with Brother Bryant but God knew best and for some reason took him to be with Him, where there will be no more heartaches and pain.

Brother Bryant was not a member of the Church of God although he was a great believer. He lived a devoted Christian life from the time of his conversion until death. He was a good citizen and was loved by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed by the community, and friends who live around him. We visited him several times during his illness. He would ask for prayer and singing. He would get happy and praise the Lord during his illness. He left a testimony that he was ready to go and live with Jesus. All we can do is to live close to Jesus until our pilgrimage is over and meet Brother Bryant over on the other shore.

He leaves to mourn his death a wife, eleven children and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral service was held in the Baptist church at Powells Valley by Brother Chas. Everly and Brother E. W. Anderson, and the remains were laid to rest in the Rogers Cemetery to await the resurrection.—A friend, Irene Shipley.

CARRELL

On Saturday, June 23d about nine o'clock, the death angel visited the home of Mr. Jess Carrell and claimed for its victim, the dear wife and mother, Mrs. Sarah Carrell. She was fifty-one years, one month and seven days old when she left us. We weep not as those who have no hope for we know she is safe in the arms of Jesus. She can't come back to us, but if we live a pure life, we can go to her. She leaves to mourn her departure a husband, three little girls, a mother, several brothers, and sisters, a host of relatives and friends. Her father preceded her to the great beyond eight years ago. She has been an invalid for several months. The saints from here went out there in the Spring and prayed for her. She seemed to get better then would get worse. She was not a member of the Church of God, but lived a true Christian life. She had never heard a Church of God sermon until Brother M. E. Drake preached in her home in April. We hated to give her up but God knew best and we had to say amen to God's will. We know our loss is Heaven's gain. She was laid to rest in the Melrose Cemetery.

God has taken you home, dear one,
Out of this world of care.
We know you will be happy with Jesus,

For there is no suffering there.

You suffered so much, Aunt Sarah,
In this old world down here,
But we know there is no more suffering,
In that beautiful land over there.

There are no more heartaches or sorrow

For you to bear any more,
For all is joy and peace
On that bright golden shore.—Her niece, who loved her, (Miss) Clara Smith, Brownfield, Tex.

THOMAS

On April 23, 1928 the dear Lord sent a darling baby into the home of Brother J. R. Thomas, to live only a short time, for on the 29th of April, 1928 his Maker saw fit to call him to that beautiful home where the little darling will never more suffer, but will be with our dear Redeemer. His name was Bobby Gean. He was

ill three days and suffered greatly. They trusted the dear Lord for his healing, and called for the saints to pray for him, but Jesus knew best and took their darling home to Himself. It seemed hard to give him up, yet we know that it is only for a short time, for if we live true, a little while longer, we will be with our blessed Savior and little Bobby Gean throughout an endless eternity.

There's a little snow white casket
That is resting on the stand;
There's a mother's jewel in it,
Taken from her tender hand.

Though the little form is silent,
Though the spark of life has fled,
Baby darling, thou art sleeping,
Little one, thou art not dead.

Loving hands that once caressed thee,
Laid sweet flowers on thy breast,
The fairest, sweetest flower
Was thy face sweet baby dear.

Baby darling, baby darling,
Though they laid your form away,
Loving hearts will not forget you
Precious little Bobby babe.

One who loved him, Sister Willie J. Medley.

NEWSOME

In loving remembrance of our little darling Mary Bessie who died Jan. 11, 1928, age two years, one month and sixteen days. She was the brightest jewel of the home. She was so loving. She was sick only a short while and played most of the time. All was done for her that loving hands could do, but the Lord saw best to take her home to live with him. Prayer was offered, physicians were called, but she had to go.

Sleep on, Mary Bessie,
And take your rest;
We are sure that you are
In the land of the blest.

A precious one from us is gone,
Her smiling face we'll see no more,
But on that bright and glorious dawn
In joy we'll meet on Heaven's shore.

Baby darling, baby darling,
Though they laid your form away,
Loving hearts will not forget you,
Precious Mary Bessie babe.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled.

She leaves to mourn her death, a father, mother, four sisters, two brothers and a host of friends. She was laid to rest in the Gordon Cemetery near Edgehill. Brother S. C. Wiley conducted the funeral services.—Her nine year old sister, Rebekah Newsome.

SWAIN

Sister D. E. Swain went to sleep in Jesus Jan. 7, 1928. Just a few hours before leaving, she said the way was clear, that the old stormy river was crossed, and no doubt she saw the Savior's smiling face and His arms open to receive her into the blessed home on high. She said, "Sweet Jesus," and never spoke again.

Now husband and dear children, don't weep for wife and mother, but answer her prayers by living for Jesus so you can go and meet her to live with her forever where there will be no sad farewells. She is sadly missed by every one who knew her. Oh how I miss her, as she was a frequent caller in my home, always bringing gladness and joy. She loved to be in service for the Lord and would testify of God's blessings with the heavenly light on her face, asking God to save her boys and husband. And I am glad to say that the husband has made a start for Heaven since she left us. May God strengthen him and carry him safely through to meet his dear wife.—One who loved her dearly.

AKINS

On June 7, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wess Akins and claimed as his victim little Opal, age six years. She was sick only a short time. All was done that loving hands could do. They called the saints for prayer, but before they got there God took her to that place He had prepared for her. She was a loving child and will surely be missed at Sunday School and church. She leaves to mourn her departure, a father, mother, two brothers, one sister, relatives and friends.

Weep not mother, as those who have no hope, but continue to move toward your child in Heaven. Father, let Jesus come into your heart and be ready to enjoy the unbroken circle. Children, live right and be sweet, Jesus will take you where there will be no parting and no sad farewells.—One who loved her, Mae Wiggs, Ravia, Okla.

Precious darling, she has left us alone,
But we hope to meet our darling where tears will not be known.

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Thru Trials We Must Overcome

GADSDEN, Ala.—(Mar 3)—I am praising the Lord for His goodness and mercy unto me, also for the great love that fills and thrills my soul from day to day. I love Jesus above anything in this world. I have been in this good way of holiness about thirteen years and have a greater determination to press my way on to the end of the way than ever before. I have had many hard trials to overcome, but Jesus was always there to help me. He has promised to never leave us nor forsake us, but to go with us always even unto the end of the world, and that is farther than anyone else can go. Our loved ones can go with us as far as the grave, but that is as far as they can go, but Jesus will go with us thru the dark valley of the shadow of death. He will guide us over the silent river till we reach the sunny banks of sweet deliverance, and as we travel on in this highway, let us not forget to tell others about Jesus. God wants workers in His vineyard and not idlers. He does not want us to bury the talent He has given us, but we should use it for His glory. I ask all the saints to pray for me that I may do the Lord's will and pray for my children to be saved.—Beulah Erwin.

HE HAS PROMISED TO BE IN THE MIDST

TALKING ROCK, Ga. (Aug. 7th)—This morning I will keep my promise to God and testify of His mighty healing power. I praise the name of Jesus because He has taken out the terrible pain of rheumatism, but I want all the saints to pray that I will be completely healed of some other diseases, and be able to overcome every temptation. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God.

We are expecting to begin a revival at Corinth, near Talking Rock, Ga. Rt. 2, in about two weeks. We covet the prayers of every saint of God for a wonderful time in the Lord, and that many souls will be born into the kingdom of God.

There is only a few members here, but praise God if there are only two or three gathered in His name. He has promised to be in the midst.—Your sister in Jesus, Mrs. Zonie Bingham, Rt. 2.

KEPT THRU THE STORM

STUART, Fla. (Aug. 10th)—I am thanking God today for what He is to us. I thank Him for keeping us thru the storm last Tuesday night. God surely blessed in preserving many of our lives. Truly I know that I need more of God's love to guide me thru this world, to take the right (old) paths in life. I am glad to say that we trust God for healing. I am asking all to pray for me, if only it be one word in prayer, I will not despair. May God bless everyone, saint and sinner.—Eudora Ball.

Observed The Lord's Supper

MT. AIRY, N. C. (June 4)—I feel impressed this evening to send in a few words of testimony. I praise the Lord for being saved and under the blood. The Holy Ghost still abides in my soul, and the more I serve the Lord the better I love to serve Him. I have just returned from Thomasville where we had three wonderful services. We observed the Lord's Supper and washed feet. We have a good work started there, for which we praise the Lord.

I went down there in April and ran a week's meeting. Bro. Geo. Collins, from the Pentecostal church had a mission work there. They wanted a Church of God organized. Bro. J. C. Farmer from Statesville went over there the first of May and set the church in order with eight members. Bro. Collins was appointed as pastor over the work, and many people are now looking toward the Church. The Lord is wonderfully blessing. Sinners are interested, and the church here at Mt. Airy is on the upward move. We are expecting a wonderful revival this summer. Every saint of God pray for the success of the work here. I desire your prayers for complete healing.—Rosa New, Rt. 2.

MANY ARE LOOKING THIS WAY

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—We have just closed a three weeks revival at Knoxville, Tenn. which was a great success. Brother H. L. Whittington of N. Chattanooga was in charge. He did excellent preaching which was received by all present. He gained the love of every one. A number was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Six were baptized in water and added to the church. Pray for us that we may go on and be faithful until the end.—J. T. Stooksbury, Pastor.

An African Native Used in God's Work

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garments; for all that do so ARE an abomination unto the Lord thy God (Deut. 22:5). They had on flesh colored stockings with limbs showing thru, arms bare, and neck low, and shadow cloth for a dress. As I came close to them they looked at me with so much courage, that I was convinced that they counted themselves clothed. Think of it, naked and know it not! Congregation, Jesus' coming draweth nigh! I believe it, for the once God-fearing white people have backslidden, and are to-day going unclothed. They are fast turning to be heathen.

Addressing the congregation, he turned to two of the missionary ladies and said, "These are still clothed, you would not realize in looking at them, what I saw of the fashion in the town with my own eyes. I declare the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

O that the professing Christians and preachers of this land of ours could get a clearer vision of Jesus, and see that such as this black preacher from the wilds of Africa saw, are an abomination unto the Lord, and a disgrace to womanhood.

Why do we not hear more from our pulpits on the mode of dress? Paul tells us in 2 Tim. 4:3 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears."

O, that we, as a Christian people would set a better example before the world, which so many so-called Christians are doing to-day. Wake up Christians, wake up and cut your garments to the pattern Jesus set before you, even as becometh holiness, for without holiness no man shall see the Lord. You are sanctified and set apart for the Master's use.

From a Chicago paper we see that in trying to enforce the 10:00 p. m. curfew law, the officers were baffled, and at a loss how to proceed for they could not tell the mothers from the sixteen year old girls, as all dress alike.

Mothers, don't you know that the body is held sacred in the sight of God, that it is the living temple of a Living God. Why do you not think to dress (or undress) your sons as you do your daughters? You can see mothers (and daughters too) on the streets of our cities today, undressed to such an extent as to make nature itself cry out for shame.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. "To-day, if ye hear His voice, harden not your heart." Ps. 95:6, 7, 8.

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Ps. 9:17. Let us not forget God in this life, but take Him into consideration in everything. Thank God there's a remedy for short dresses, low-neck dresses, also for this "make-up" we see painted lips, penciled eyebrows, bobbed hair and the devil's stirrups in the ears, all of which would put a circus clown to an open shame, but the only remedy is a good case of blood-bought, heart-felt salvation. It has been said of some of God's people of His own established church that they have two lengths of dresses to wear, one length to wear to church and a shorter length to wear down town, one with long sleeves and one without any. Beloved, such Christians as that need to take another dip in the fountain of blood, which is flowing for sin and uncleanness.

The statement has been made that America gets her fashions from London. C. H. Spurgeon says, London gets her fashions from Paris and Paris gets fashions from hell.

Thank God for a few old fashioned mothers, with an old fashioned religion. The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath. Prov. 15:24.

There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Prov. 14:12.

O that we will come and go God's way; that we may have on the wedding garment (and not the garments patterned after the world), the robe of spotless white, so as not to be left out when the Bridegroom comes.

The money spent for all cosmetics, face powders, perfumes, according to the figures of the internal revenue office, amounts annually to \$750,000,000, for cigarettes (which some of our good ladies of the land and their daughters are learning to use), cigars, tobacco and snuff, amounting annually to \$2,110,000,000 in good American dollars.

PRESENCE OF GOD WAS REAL

LYNCHBURG, Va. (July 10)—I want to sound a note of praise for Jesus this morning for what He is to me, in keeping me by the power of His blood from sin and is always a present help in time of need. I have just returned from Deerfield, Va. where we had a Sunday School Rally. An excellent program was rendered under the direction of Sister H. B. Rowe which was very much enjoyed by all. A number of visitors from other places were present. Good messages were enjoyed from different speakers. All day service on Sunday, July 1st and dinner on the ground in abundance. In the afternoon four followed the Lord in water baptism. One was added to the church. After holding services for three nights we closed on Wednesday night, all hearts rejoicing because the presence of God was so real among us. This was a real feast from start to finish. Pray that God may ever keep us humble.—J. J. York, District Pastor.

This amount of money put out in the right way would carry the Gospel message to many hungry-hearted souls in out-of-the-way places on this, God's great land.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Isa. 55:2.

A preacher was heard to say from the pulpit while preaching, talking to the members of his own church: "Brother, you just go right on using your tobacco if you feel like it (yes and be forever damned and barred from that celestial city of God), and sister you just go right on using your powder and paint if you want to. I haven't a word to say against it." No, because he dare not open his mouth against it, for fear of losing his job. He has the itching ears that Paul mentions in 2 Tim. 4:3

O for a people, a people that will fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Matt. 10:28.

You can walk out upon the streets of our cities and towns to-day and you can see women and girls undressed to such an extent that back in your mother's and grand-mother's time they would have been taken up and put behind the bars. Mothers, can you not see that you are setting the wrong kind of an example before your daughters and before the world by dressing after the fashion of the world? Can you not see that it is a trick of the devil to allure you on to a devil's hell and your eternal ruin, to be forever lost and eternally damned? Can you not see where you are putting your daughter in a position to be accosted by some of the devil's tools in the form of some degenerated and fallen man? whose morals are bent and twisted by the powers of hell to where he is not fit to be seen in any decent company, and probably dragged into an automobile and taken out into the solitude of the country and ruined for life, if not murdered outright, which isn't an unusual case in this day of sin and vice. Surely the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5:8. He is doing his best to drag precious souls into hell, for he knows that his time is short, for JESUS is SOON coming. The devil is setting all kinds of traps for unsuspecting souls—fashions, theaters, vaudeville, bathing beach, dance hall, poolrooms, church socials, church fairs, news stands, soda fountains, magazine racks, cigar and cigarette stands, church picnics, church gymnasiums and such like, which are traps and pitfalls of the devil to catch the feet of the son or daughter you love best. Jesus came not into the world to condemn the world, but that the world thru him might be saved. John 3:17. O that the feet of the way-faring son or daughter may be guided by you—mother or father, into this straight and narrow way of salvation which leads to eternal life, is my prayer for all who may read these few words.

Jesus said, Be ye holy as I am holy. He that being often reproved, hardened his neck shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy. Prov. 29:1. Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh. Matt. 24:44.—369 Golf St., Sarasota, Fla.

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